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SUBJECT: NONALIGNED CONFERENCE: MIDDLE EAST ASPECTS

REFS: (A) HAVANA 1336, (B) HAVANA 1343, (C) HAVANA 1386

SUMMARY. EMBASSY BELIEVES EGYPTIAN DEL FULLY JUSTIFIED IN CONSIDERING NACB COMMUNIQUE ON MIDDLE EAST "SUCCESS". END SUMMARY.

1. OUR READING OF NONALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU COMMUNIQUE ON MIDDLE EAST (REF C) IS THAT EGYPTIAN ASSERTION THAT COMMUNIQUE A "SUCCESS" FULLY JUSTIFIED. SADAT HAS CONTINUALLY REITERATED NECESSITY FOR "COMPREHENSIVE" SOLUTION, PARTICULARLY RESOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ONLY PORTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH GOE PUBLIC POSITION (ALTHOUGH FREQUENTLY VOICED PRIVATELY) ARE CRITICISMS OF U.S. EFFORTS "TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM..."; U.S. "THREATS TO USE FORCE AGAINST PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES..."; AND U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL GIVEN ITS "EXPANSIONIST POLICY".

2. WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT HAVE PREFERRED AN ENDORSEMENT OF SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE, BUT GIVEN NUMBER OF RADICAL ARABS ON NACB (WHILE EGYPT ONLY OBSERVER) AND ANTI-SADAT RESOLUTIONS OF 9TH ISLAMIC FORMIN CONFERENCE (JIDDA 3883 - NOTAL), BELIEVE EGYPTIAN

REPS HAVE REASON TO BE SATISFIED. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GOE WORKED HARD ON YUGOSLAVS, INDIANS, SRI LANKANS AND OTHER MODERATES WITHIN NAM AND WERE RELATIVELY CONFIDENT THAT THEY COULD COUNT ON THESE STATES TO PREVENT ANY CONDEMNATION OF SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE. WE BELIEVE THEY SUCCEEDED ALTHOUGH RADICAL ARABS NO DOUBT WILL CLAIM CONTRARY. MATTHEWS

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